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## **ATTORNEY TIM GIVES FOLEY EMOTIONAL VICTORY THURSDAY AT CHURCHILL DOWNS**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, May 7, 2021)** – Longtime owner **Tim Sweeney** didn't make regular appearances to Churchill Downs but when he did they were memorable. Sweeney passed away in early December at age 72 but his legacy around the racetrack and trainer **Greg Foley's** Barn 11 remains strong.

Sweeney's namesake, **Attorney Tim**, was able to record an emotional victory Thursday night at Churchill Downs for the **Lloyd Madison Farms** syndicate along with Foley. The 5-year-old gelding drove past Cibolian in the late stages of the featured \$97,989 first-level allowance at 1 1/8 miles on turf to pay \$9 to win.

Sweeney would typically come to Churchill Downs once or twice a year and don an infamous Foley Racing hat, which he embroidered "Assistant Trainer" on the side as a running joke with the barn.

"We can't speak enough about how good a man Tim was," Foley said. "I remember the first horse we bought for that ownership group named **Double Mint**. He was an Ohio-bred that really started their operation."

Double Mint was purchased by Foley in 1996 and recorded seven victories through 50 starts. Since Double Mint, Lloyd Madison Farms campaigned several star horses including multiple graded stakes winner **Champali**, Eight Belles (GII) winner **Sconsin** and Kentucky Derby 146 entrant **Major Fed**. Sweeney was at Churchill Downs for Major Fed's 10<sup>th</sup>-place finish in the 2020 Kentucky Derby and was able to enjoy the famous walkover with his fellow owners and Foley.

Along with Lloyd Madison Farms' stars on the racetrack, they established a strong broodmare band over the last decade.

"This is an amazing sport filled with amazing people," Sweeney said in a 2018 interview with Churchill Downs. "We've got a good group of horses and great potential horses as part of our broodmare band."

Attorney Tim is a graduate of Lloyd Madison Farms' homebred program. He's out of the mare **Bobby's Babe** who produced several top horses including **Clairenation**, Major Fed and **Zapperini**.

Sweeney grew up in Madison, Wisc. where he was a three-sport athlete in baseball, basketball and football. He was a walk-on quarterback at the University of Notre Dame in the late 1960s. Following his football career, Sweeney graduated Notre Dame with an economics degree and later got his law degree at the University of South Dakota School of Law.

Sweeney practiced law for more than 45 years and was recently recognized by US News & Reports as one of the Best Lawyers in America for Real Estate Law.

Not only was Sweeney passionate about horse racing, he adored teaching and giving back to his community. When Foley's son **Alex** was studying law at the University of Louisville, Sweeney was at the ready to help mentor and answer any questions.

"Loss is never easy but when Tim died it was a gut punch," Alex Foley said. "Tim was always there for me during my schooling and always had encouraging words for me when I needed them the most. He was a kind heart in an unkind time. I will miss his kind words of encouragement followed by a quick witted joke, usually at my expense."

While Attorney Tim hasn't won a major stakes race, the Foley barn celebrated Thursday night's allowance win like he was at the top of the sport.

**KENTUCKY DERBY WINNER MEDINA SPIRIT GALLOPS AT CHURCHILL DOWNS** – **Zedan Racing Stable's Medina Spirit** galloped about 1 1/2 miles Friday morning at Churchill Downs as he continued his prep for the second jewel of racing's Triple Crown, the Preakness Stakes (GI) on May 15.

With **Humberto Gomez** in the saddle, Medina Spirit trained around 7:45 a.m. and is scheduled to van about 11 hours to Pimlico Monday afternoon with stablemate **Concert Tour**. **John Velazquez** has the return call on Medina Spirit while **Mike Smith** will ride Concert Tour.

Trainer **Steve Asmussen** reported **Winchell Thoroughbreds'** graded stakes winner **Midnight Bourbon** will target the Preakness and get a rider change to **Irad Ortiz Jr.**

**WARD RECORDS 2,000<sup>TH</sup> WIN THURSDAY AT CHURCHILL DOWNS** – Trainer **Wesley Ward** recorded his 2,000<sup>th</sup>-career win Thursday night at Churchill Downs when **Ken** and **Sarah Ramsey's Gold for Kitten** rallied for a rail-skimming victory in Race 6 under jockey **Chris Landeros**.

Ward's 2,000 wins include 50 graded stakes victories and purse earnings of more than \$71.8 million.

**WINK MADE 3-1 MORNING LINE FAVORITE IN SATURDAY'S MAMZELLE** – **Stonestreet Stables'** stakes-winning filly **Wink** was made the 3-1 morning line favorite in the field of 13 three-year-old fillies entered in Saturday's \$110,000 Mamzelle Overnight Stakes at Churchill Downs.

The five-furlong Mamzelle, run over the Matt Winn Turf Course, is carded as the featured Race 10 with a post time of 5:26 p.m. (all times Eastern). The first of 11 races will go at 12:45 p.m.

Trained by **Wesley Ward**, Wink enters the Mamzelle following a victory in the \$75,000 Melody of Colors Stakes in late March at Gulfstream Park. Wink is one of three Ward-trained fillies to enter the Mamzelle. Her stablemates **Amanzi Yimpilo (IRE)** and **Illegal Smile** both enter the affair following stakes victories in their most recent starts.

In Amanzi Yimpilo's last start, the daughter of the former Ward-trained **No Nay Never**, won the \$102,000 Speakeasy Stakes at Santa Anita in late September. Illegal Smile enters the Mamzelle following a victory in the \$100,000 Stewart Manor Stakes at Aqueduct in early November.

**Ricardo Santana Jr.** will ride Amanzi Yimpilo from post No. 7, **Tyler Gaffalione** will be aboard Illegal Smile from post 3 and **James Graham** has the call on Wink from post 4.

The field for the Mamzelle from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning line odds): **Music City Star** (Mitchell Murrill, Chris Davis, 20-1); **Goin Good** (Florent Geroux, Brad Cox, 7-2); Illegal Smile (Gaffalione, Ward, 4-1); Wink (Graham, Ward, 3-1); **Inajiffy** (Gabriel Saez, Joe Sharp, 15-1); **Miss Mamba** (Colby Hernandez, Greg Foley, 50-1); Amanzi Yimpilo (Santana, Ward, 6-1); **New Boss** (Adam Beschizza, Bret Calhoun, 8-1); **Threatlevelmidnite** (Rafael Bejarano, Ethan West, 50-1); **Founder's Day** (Joe Talamo, Michael Ann Ewing, 30-1); **Lady Edith** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Tommy Drury, 12-1); **Navratilova** (Julien Leparoux, Rusty Arnold II, 8-1); and **Heart Full of Soul** (Francisco Arrieta, Mac Robertson, 20-1).

**TV SCHEDULE** – Churchill Downs Racing is scheduled to air every race day on “**America's Day at the Races**” on the Fox Sports family of networks. Here is this week's TV Schedule:

- Friday: Fox Sports 2 (12:30-3 p.m.) | Fox Sports 1 (3-5 p.m.) | Fox Sports 2 (5-5:30 p.m.)
- Saturday: Fox Sports 2 (2-6:30 p.m.)
- Sunday: Fox Sports 2 (12:30-6 p.m.)

**DOWN THE STRETCH** – Racing resumed Friday at Churchill Downs with a first post of 12:45 p.m. The nine-race card featured a \$3,394 carryover in the Derby City 6 (Races 4-9) and a \$2,933 carryover in the Super Hi 5 (Race 9). ... “**Inside Churchill Downs**” returns to the airwaves Friday from 6-7 p.m. on ESPN 680/105.7 and online at [www.espnlouisville.com](http://www.espnlouisville.com). ... Jockey **Declan Cannon** will now be represented by agent **Tim Hanisch**, who also books mounts for **Mitchell Murrill**. ... For more information about the Spring Meet, visit <https://www.churchilldowns.com/calendar/featured-events/>.

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